

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TILE ROOF RIDGE VENT WITH FILTRATION MEDIA, the specification of which is attached hereto. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Sec. 1.56(a), Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations.

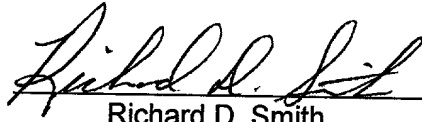
I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Jackie Lee Duke, Registry No. 33,378; whose address is 1001 West Loop South, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77027-9009. Address all telephone calls to Jackie Lee Duke at (713) 964-6737.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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